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Applicants: F.E. Mootz, et al. :

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*Cup Handling Subsystem for an Automated
Clinical Chemistry Analyzer System* :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

N/E Page 1, line 6, before "This" insert the following paragraph - This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/099,739, filed June 18, 1998. -

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 36 through 38 and 60.